

6076. Adulteration of ketchup. U. S. * * * v. 65 Cases of Ketchup. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 8691. I. S. No. 2854-p. S. No. E-956.)

On December 20, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 65 cases of ketchup, consigned on or about November 30, 1917, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped by Thomas Roberts Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and transported from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Maryland and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Table Talk Brand Ketchup * * * Manufactured by R. C. Chance's Sons, Phila., Pa. Mt. Holly, N. J."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On January 28, 1918, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*